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MEDIA STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF STEVE IRWIN

The United States Mission in Australia mourns the death of Steve Irwin. Our hearts go out to his family at this difficult time.

As the Crocodile Hunter, Steve Irwin was in many ways an unofficial Australian ambassador to the United States. With his humor and irrepressible sense of adventure, he represented those things our citizens find most appealing about Australia and its wonderful way of life. Americans everywhere join Australians in celebrating the legacy he leaves of deep admiration for the wonders of Australia's unique environment and animal life.

He will be enormously missed.

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